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November 4, 2013

Mr. Ian McLaurin
Lakeridge Citizens for Clean Water
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Dear Mr. McLaurin:

This note is to follow up on the October 4, 2013, letter from Lakeridge Citizens for Clean Water to Dave Fumerton, District Manager of the York Durham District Office of the Ministry of the Environment. I appreciate being kept informed.

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to the Minister of the Environment, the Hon. James Bradley, which is further to your questions to Mr. Fumerton about the Lakeridge Road "Earthworx" site. I trust this may be of assistance.

In addition, I have enclosed a copy of a reply I received from Minister Bradley to an earlier letter I addressed to him about the possibility of a site alteration permit being sought from Scugog Township. This was mentioned in a media report in June of this year. Minister Bradley's letter includes reference to groundwater monitoring wells at the Earthworx site that were recently inspected by Ministry of the Environment staff.

As always, if you wish to speak with me directly, or if you have any comments, questions, or updates from the Lakeridge Citizens for Clean Water, do not hesitate to call or to write.

Yours truly,

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November 4, 2013

The Hon. James Bradley
Minister of the Environment
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Dear Minister:

Please find enclosed a copy of the letter the Lakeridge Citizens for Clean Water sent Mr. Dave Fumerton, Manager of the MOE's York Durham District Office. I am confident a response will be prepared in due course. My letter today is to help ensure you are aware of the concerns from the citizens with respect to the "Earthworx" site on Lakeridge Rd.

The Lakeridge Citizens for Clean Water note that their letter of August 1, 2013 expressed their concerns with the proposal for a new fill permit and also the remediation plan. The citizens also note that it would be helpful if they had:

- An assessment of the environmental/health risk if the site were left in its current condition
- An evaluation of the proposed groundwater monitoring plan to protect drinking water
- An understanding of enforcement tools available to the MOE for cleaning up the site
- An estimate of when the Ministry may be responding to the GFL letter and the GFL proposal for monitoring and remediation of the site.

I would also respectfully request a copy of the Ministry of Natural Resources' response to matters described above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

John R. O'Toole, MPP
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on Commercial fill
across ONTARIO.*

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- c. Ian McLaurin, Lakeridge Citizens for Clean Water
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Dear Mr. O'Toole: *John*

Thank you for your August 21, 2013 letter about the Earthworx commercial fill site located in the Township of Scugog.

It is my understanding that the site is owned by 2241960 Ontario Inc., carrying on business as Earthworx Industries. Green for Life (GFL) does not own the Earthworx site and GFL has not notified the ministry of any development plans for the site. However, in a May 23, 2013 letter to the ministry, GFL outlined its intention to install additional groundwater monitoring wells at the site.

Ministry staff have inspected the recently installed groundwater monitoring wells and have confirmed that they were installed in accordance with applicable regulations, and in a manner that is protective of both the groundwater aquifer and the environment. Groundwater sampling results have been provided to the ministry. The report summarizing the groundwater monitoring activities is now expected to be provided to the ministry by October 31, 2013.

With regard to letters of credit, I understand that municipalities may choose to retain bonds or hold letters of credit against site owners for a variety of reasons. In addition, the ministry can require financial assurance under certain scenarios as a condition of an Environmental Compliance Approval. No new site approvals from the ministry are currently being sought, nor are any presently required.

I trust this information is helpful. Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention and please accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Bradley".

Jim Bradley
 Minister

c: Mr. Michael Harris, MPP, PC Critic for the Environment